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SUBJECT: QUITO MEETING: TEXT OF LETTER FOR FOREIGN MINISTER

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS TO BE DELIVERED ASAP TO FOREIGN
MINISTER CARVAJAL.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

(A) DEAR MR. MINISTER:

AS YOU AND OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES OF THE HEMISPHERE PREPARE
TO GATHER NEXT WEEK IN QUITO FOR THE MEETING OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW
MUCH I REGRET NOT BEING ABLE TO BE WITH YOU.

(B) UNFORTUNATELY, THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS HAVE MADE
IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND ON THE DATES ULTIMATELY
FIXED FOR THE SESSIONS IN ECUADOR. AT THE SAME TIME, IT
WAS NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL NOW TO MAKE KNOWN THAT I WOULD BE
TRAVELING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOU CAN READILY UNDERSTAND
HOW SENSITIVE THE TALKS ARE INVOLVING THE AREA, AND THE
IMPORTANCE OF THOSE TALKS TO WORLD PEACE.

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(C) BECAUSE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE ASKED MY DEPUTY

AND CLOSE COLLEAGUE, BOB INGERSOLL, TO REPRESENT ME AT THE QUITO MEETING, ALONG WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM ROGERS

AND OAS AMBASSADOR BILL MAILLIARD. I HAVE THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN THEM. THEY WILL, OF COURSE, BE FULLY PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE TALKS, AND I SHALL EXPECT FROM THEM A FULL REPORT OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU WHEN THEY RETURN.

(D) I PERSONALLY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS AT THE QUITO MEETING CLOSELY. MY GOVERNMENT AND I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO THE FINAL RESULT. BEST WISHES. HENRY A KISSINGER. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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